

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, your Army must immediately transport 3,500,000 men and 5,500,000 tons of equipment over the railroads of this country in order to prosecute the war against Japan to complete victory in the shortest possible time and with the least expenditure of American lives;

AND WHEREAS, your Army has advised you--the citizens of the great State of South Dakota and of all of the western States--that the Western railroads must recruit 65,000 additional workers immediately for the accomplishment of this task;

NOW THEREFORE, joining with the governors and citizens of all of the States west of the Mississippi River and the States of Illinois and Indiana, be it proclaimed that the month of August is officially designated as "Railroad Manpower Drive Month."

AND FURTHER, that during the said "Railroad Manpower Drive Month" all of the citizens of the State of South Dakota are urgently requested to join with the Army, as well as with management, labor, government agencies and civic committees in patriotic concerted action to help recruit these vitally needed 65,000 railroad workers.

AND FURTHER, that the critical need for these 65,000 railroad workers needed to hasten the marshaling of our forces against Japan and the swift defeat of this fanatic enemy provides a timely opportunity to honor the unprecedented contributions made by the railroads and all of their employees during these long arduous war years, and to call forth still greater effort in this great war transportation emergency.

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